

COUNCIL MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE
FATHER BILL LUCAS	YES
MARY BURNS	YES
BERNIE FUNDERBURG	YES
DEBBIE GOSSETT	YES
MEAGAN PRICE	YES
JEFF REACH	NO
BRENDA ROCHFORD	YES
ALLEN ROSS	NO
JORGE SOLIS	YES
PAUL THOMAS	YES

Jorge Solis opened the meeting with a prayer. Previous month's minutes were approved.

Building Committee

- Meeting on April 1 with the architect and project manager from Goodgame.
- The pricing for the parish hall alone is \$3,368,000, not including soft items costs or moving the power lines.
- The committee will need to cut some things to get the bid within budget.
- Permission from the diocese is needed to do a capital campaign.
- The next step is to get permission from the diocese to do a capital campaign, then get a firm bid based on projected funds.
- The parish hall will include a room for 200 at tables, a stage, a commercial kitchen, and restrooms.
 - It will be on the south side of the church with a covered walkway.
 - It will be a social space that can be used for concerts, drama presentations, or Stations of the Cross.

- The cost includes taking down the grotto and site preparation.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

- Matt will move the two benches from the grotto to the Columbarium.
- The ashes of a couple were placed in the grotto when Father Brennan was here. One died in 1993, the other 10 years later. Their names are in the register in the office.
- If the remains are found, they can be placed in the columbarium.
- It is unknown what the ashes are contained in. If the ashes were in a metal urn, they may be found; if in a cardboard box or dumped in the earth, they may have fallen apart.
- Mary suggested putting something to put flowers in that will not break for the Blessed Mother statue in the Columbarium
- We are waiting for a new water fountain for the church. Joiner Plumbing will install it

Finance

- Report at the end of February covers eight months of the fiscal year.
- Capital expenditures are for accounting, not what we actually spent
- \$3,412.50 has been devalued making total expenditures \$251,555.28, including restricted operating (social concerns), restricted non-operating(building)and unrestricted operating contributions(offertory)
- Special collections for missions are pass-through funds.
- Parish council and finance council voted to leave \$500,000 in the unrestricted fund.
- Diocesan building fund is 1.6 million. We have almost \$69,000 is in the building fund bank account.
- Miscellaneous funds includes money from social concerns like yard sales, prison ministry, and Gianicolo
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Knights of Columbus

- Prior service had a record of 21 people.
- Two unclaimed grills are in the shed. Grills will be put in the shed with yard sale stuff.
- Grills will be sold at the yard sale.

Liturgy Committee

- Met on February 27th to discuss Holy Week.
- Divine Mercy celebration will be moved up due to the Spanish Mass at 3 PM.
- The burning of palms will be held after 8:30 Mass on March 2nd. The confession schedule for Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday. The reception into the Church for the two OCIA candidates will be at 11:15 Mass on March 30th. The Communal Penance Service for Lent will be April 7th at 7:00 p.m. The schedule for the Triduum will be Holy Thursday and Good Friday at 7:00 p.m., Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m. Easter Sunday at 8:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. No meeting will be held before Easter.
- Next meeting probably in August.

Religious Education

- March 30th, 11:15 AM Mass: Order of Christian initiation of adults who are candidates who've already been baptized. They'll be received into the church and confirmed and make their first communion.
- First communion is May 4, 11:15 AM mass and confirmation is May 17, 10am at Sacred Heart in Anniston
 - Bishop Raika is lowering his threshold to 15 candidates to come to your parish.
- First Communion retreat is probably going to be on the 26th.
- There are seven first communion candidates. No religious ed this Sunday because of spring break, but then the next Sunday they'll be back.
- April 13th the youth will present Live Stations. It might be good to publicize it in this week's bulletin.
- The cleaning of the religious ed building was discussed. Dorothy's husband passed away in January and he used to vacuum the building during the week. She is getting new people to help her out.

Old Business

- The church directory has finished printing and is supposed to be shipping this week.

New Business

- Money is needed for utility bills. Some parishioners have given money specifically for that. The utility assistance fund has gotten below \$5,000. Chris Freeman handles utility assistance, and knows how to work with utilities and spot scams.

- Since COVID, the process has been done over the phone for the past five years. Assistance is limited to St. Clair County residents, but they don't have to be parishioners. Assistance is provided once every six months, and applicants must have a disconnect notice. Parishioners receive help regardless of the list.
- Non-parishioners can call and Shelly puts them on a list, informing them of the next assistance date. Chris is very good at what she does and has a lot of experience.
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- Father Bill needed one volunteer from the pastoral council to participate in the foot washing on Holy Thursday. Meagan volunteered.
- Looking for 12 representatives from different groups (finance council, liturgy committee, Knights of Columbus).

Food Ministry

- Need to start the food ministry soon, but it will take a few months to set up.
- Need training from the food bank.

Pilgrimage

- Planning a pilgrimage to the Blessed Sacrament or the Shrine in October.
- The speaker has already sent in the date (October 4th).
- Considering catering again, similar to the last pilgrimage.
- Some people suggested St. Paul's Cathedral, which could be a car route.
- Need to call the cathedral to find out if they offer tours

Nominations and Elections

- Gauge interest before nominating someone.
- The election subcommittee will rank nominees.
- The election subcommittee has until April 13 (Palm Sunday) to inform the speaker.
- The speaker will contact the top candidate to see if they accept the nomination to the pastoral council.
- The speaker opened it up to the whole parish if anybody wants to either run or nominate someone else.
- Debbie, Bernie, and Alan are in their second term, which is the term limit. The three rotating members will have their last meeting in May. There are no meetings in June.
- The new members will start at the July meeting.

The next meeting will be April 23, 2025 because of Holy Week.

Father closed the meeting with a prayer.